

ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM MANY STATES

Important News Gathered from Abroad for the Benefit of Our Readers.

Tom Hunt, of Allen county, whose close resemblance to Jesse James once led to his conviction on the charge of highway robbery, was stabbed and probably fatally wounded.

The smallest child ever born in the county with a chance of living arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Vance, the other morning, says the Owensboro Inquirer. The little mite is a girl and weighed only one and a quarter pounds when it was dressed. It is alive and doing well, and is expected that it will live. Mr. Vance is twenty years of age and the mother is only seventeen.

Jackson, Ky., Oct. 18.—As a result of the wrangle precipitated at the Court house Monday by certain Republican leaders when Senator Henry George attempted to address the voters of this county the grand jury of Breathitt county has indicted Attorney A. H. Patton, Bruce Marcum, Sam Cockrill and A. S. Johnson for disturbing a lawful assembly.

When Senator George arose to speak, Mr. Patton stepped in front of him, and in a bitter speech urged the people not to hear him. Bruce Marcum, is a nephew of the late James B. Marcum, Sam Cockrill, is a brother of James Cockrill, who was assassinated on the street here three years ago. A. S. Johnson is a revenue officer.

The largest sycamore tree in Montgomery county, and possibly in the State, was struck by lightning a few days ago and burned to the ground, says the Mt. Sterling Gazette. The tree was located on the farm of W. B. Flanders, near Judy, and was fourteen feet across the bottom, and one hundred feet high.

A HUMANE APPEAL.

A humane citizen of Richmond, Ind. Mr. U. D. Williams, 107 West Maine St., says: "I appeal to all persons with weak lungs to take Dr. King's New Discovery, the only remedy that has helped me and fully comes up to the proprietor's recommendation." It saves more lives than all other throat and lung remedies put together. Used as a cough and cold cure the world over. Cures asthma, bronchitis, croup, whooping cough, quinsy, hoarseness, and phthisis, stops hemorrhages of the lungs and builds them up. Guaranteed at drug store, 50c. and \$1.00.

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Mast.

Mountain men report that mast, which is the general name for acorns, etc., is plentiful this year. In bygone years large droves of hogs were sent from the middle section of the State to be fattened on the mast, but there are but few hogs in the mountains this season, and most of it will be wasted.

OVERDA.

Farmers are busy sowing wheat. Columbus Evans, who has been at Mahan, has returned but is going back soon.

The Rev. Mart Woods sold Rupert Adams a fine horse last week.

School is progressing nicely and large attendance at Oak Hill.

James Killie is repairing his house.

W. S. Young has purchased a fine horse.

Miss Stella Adams paid Miss Madeline Wellman a visit Sunday.

W. M. Watson is our hog and cattle merchant.

Valentine Watson and Mr. Prichard from Grayson, were here last week buying cattle.

W. M. Watson is doing a fine business.

John Watson made a trip to Huntington last week.

Sherman Evans and John Watson were at Polly Chapel Sunday. Service was held by Rev. T. H. Large.

Mrs. Virgie Jordan visited Miss Doyle Evans Sunday.

W. M. Watson purchased a fine lot of hogs of Mont Woods Saturday.

Several attended Red Men's Lodge at Cherokee Saturday night.

Jimmie.

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OUR WEST VIRGINIA NEIGHBORS.

The expected frosts in September did not come but on the contrary the warm weather during the month rapidly matured the bulk of the corn and tobacco crops and both are now out of danger from frosts, except a very small per cent of late plantings.

The prospect for the corn yield improved during September and is now 94 per cent as compared with 88 per cent on September first.

Eighty-two per cent of the Burley tobacco crop, and eighty-one per cent of the dark tobacco was cut and housed by October 1st. As compared with the yield of last year the Burley is 87 per cent, while the dark is 81 per cent.

The fall grass crop is reported in fine condition and live stock is consequently doing well.

The acreage prepared for wheat is 87 per cent as compared with last year.

The corn crop is late, but has come out much better than was expected. Some of the late corn will likely be caught by frost.

Here are two Mize items from Hazel Green Herald: "Willie Hurst is the only boy engineer perhaps in the mountains. He is 13 years of age and is steadily employed at Larue's stove mill on the Bishop place near Mize." "James Day, who hauls ties every day to Helecharva from this place came awake at night at any hour or chooses. He is known in this section as the human alarm clock."

The West Virginia State Board of Trade, including twenty-one affiliated county and city boards and commercial bodies, has called a meeting to be held at Elkins, in October, at which West Virginia's forest resources and interests will be considered. Addresses will be made by prominent men of West Virginia, and by William L. Hall of the United States Service. It will be the first meeting ever held in the State for that purpose, and is proof of the growing interest in the subject. One of the finest hardwood regions yet remaining in the United States lies in West Virginia.

Few sections of the country have more to gain from a practical policy of forest preservation than West Virginia. The State's area is less than 25,000 square miles, and 18,000 square miles of this is forest. This includes cutover and burned-over tracts, some of which have at present little value, but all or nearly all may be reforested in course of time.

The clay soils of West Virginia resist erosion better than the lighter soils of many States, an dfor that reason it is possible to reforest after many fires and many years of washing.

A State needs a forest policy while it yet has forests. If Congress creates the Appalachian National Forest, it will cross West Virginia, but will cover little more than the highest and most rugged ranges. Most of the State's wooded area will be left out side for the State and its people to look after.

It has leaked out that a new deal is planned in the line-up of the state republican ticket in West Virginia, following a series of conferences during the state board of trade meeting. Some of the wise ones figure out the ticket in the final round-up will read about as follows:

Governor, Elliott Northcott of Cabell.

Secretary of State, Stewart F. Fied of Harrison.

Auditor, James K. Hall of Ohio.

Attorney General, William G. Conley of Preston.

Treasurer, Newton Ogden of Pleasants.

State superintendent of schools, M. C. Lough of Marion.

Judges of supreme court, Miller of Wood; McClintie of Kanawha and Robinson of Taylor.

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WITHOUT A PARALLEL

For Inaccuracy, Misrepresentation and Deception, Are the Campaign Utterances of Former Governor Bradley.

Thus Says Governor Beckham In Notable Speech at Stanton.

The Democratic Chief Executive Does Not Mince Words in Dealing With His Predecessor.

Says His Charges Are as Reckless and Untruthful as In 1895 Campaign.

Tells Why Bradley Won't Discuss Goebel Assassination.

Stanton, Ky., Oct. 10.—Declaring that the Republican state campaign is based upon falsehood and deception, and that its chief exponent upon the stump, former Governor W. O. Bradley, is guilty in his speeches of perversion of records and distortion of facts in a vain effort to cover up the weakness of his cause, Governor Beckham in a speech to the voters here today handled his predecessor without gloves, not mincing words in answering the charges which Bradley is making. He denounced Bradley's utterances as "without a parallel for inaccuracy, misrepresentation and deception."

Charges Completely Riddled.

Taking up the statements and charges made by the former governor, the present chief executive riddled them completely, showing in detail wherein they are either childish or deliberate misrepresentations, and that the Republican method of peddling slanders, forgeries and false-



J. C. W. BECKHAM.

hoods is for the purpose, if possible, to divert the minds of the voters from the real facts. He charged the ex-governor with being the man most responsible for the temporary reign of the fugitive Taylor, and declared that Bradley might have averted the great calamity, the assassination of William Goebel, who once did him a great favor, if he had communicated to him instead of to those later charged with complicity in that monstrous crime, the fact that his life was being threatened by men brought to Frankfort by Taylor, Powers and others.

The Governor's Great Speech.

The speech of Governor Beckham, dealing with the charges of former Governor Bradley, and refuting them, is as follows:

In his carefully prepared speech at Princeton on Sept. 24th, which was printed in the newspapers, and in his subsequent speeches, Governor Bradley shows the utter weakness of the Republican cause in this campaign, and in effect confesses their inability to meet the real issues of it. With a lame and futile satire he seeks to ridicule what he cannot answer. He ignores many of the most important questions in the campaign, and by artful and ingenious deceptions utters to confuse the minds of the voters. He does not hesitate to disregard facts, pervert records and distort figures in his vain effort to cover up the weakness of his cause. I shall show before I get through with him that he has not only stated things which were untrue, but which he should have known to be untrue. His utterances in this campaign are as

reckless and as untruthful as they were in the campaign of 1895, when, with false charges and promises, he deceived the people of Kentucky into electing him governor. In that campaign he slanderously charged the Democratic administration of the state with fraud and corruption, and promised to the people that if elected governor and his party placed in power when they could "get a look at the books," they would show up this fraud and corruption. For over four years he and his party had control of the state government and of the public records, and I repeat that they have never to this day reported the discovery of a single act of fraud or corruption upon the part of previous Democratic administrations.

Pitiful and Childish.

But how does the distinguished ex-governor, when confronted with this answer to his charges in that campaign, seek to escape it? In his speech he says: "In 1895, when the Republicans went into office, there was not enough money in the treasury to pay an expert bookkeeper to look at the books on account of Democratic indebtedness." This is so pitiful and childish that no intelligent citizen will let him off with such an excuse. He had under his own appointment a state inspector and examiner, drawing \$3,000 a year and expenses, with the right to employ assistants, whose duty it was, under the direction of the governor, to make such investigations of the books. Why doesn't Governor Bradley own up like a man and confess to the truth that they did make this investigation into the books and utterly failed to find anything wrong? His reference to the Tate matter is of no credit to him or to his party, because that defalcation was discovered and exposed by a Democratic administration, and Tate's bondsmen forced to make good the loss to the state by Democratic officials before Bradley came into office. The promises which he and his party made in that campaign were equally as false and insincere as were the charges.

Every intelligent citizen in Kentucky knows that the administration of the state under Bradley and Taylor, from January, 1896, to February, 1900, was full of mismanagement, disaster and crime. It came into power under false pretenses and it went out of power in a carnival of lawlessness and assassination. Mr. Willson, the Republican candidate for governor, whose chief spokesman Governor Bradley is, must stand upon that record of his party, and cannot expect to deceive the people again in this campaign as they did in 1895. The attempt of Governor Bradley in this speech to account for the grievous mismanagement of our finances during their administration is so weak and so poor that it deserves hardly any mention at all. In his printed speech there are three long columns taken up with a jumbled mass of figures, so arranged as to confuse rather than to illuminate the subject. An expert accountant could not reach any intelligent conclusion from such an arrangement, and it is clear that Governor Bradley himself was lost in the statistical maze of his own figures. He cannot repudiate his responsibility for Taylor and Taylor's administration. No man was more responsible for Taylor's temporary power than Bradley was; he was chief counsel and adviser while Taylor was acting governor. He was in Frankfort all the time and was Taylor's leading attorney in the contest cases. His own administration was bad enough, but he and his party cannot escape the added evil of Taylor's administration. Even if we should grant his request to hold them responsible only to the end of his administration in January, 1900, the comparison with Democratic administration would be altogether in our favor.

Charge Falls to the Ground.

He states that while Taylor was governor there was a dual government in the state, and that the Democrats as well as the Republicans were expending the state's money. That is not true. I was sworn in as governor on February 3rd. The other Democratic officials were not sworn in until February 26th, and it was long after that before we paid out a cent of the state's money. So his charge that we were responsible for any of the reckless expenditures under Taylor falls to the ground. It is not supported by the records or facts, and nobody knows better than Governor Bradley the truth about it. He knows, too, that the Democratic administration afterward had to pay off the greater part of the expenses for Taylor's lawless soldiery as well as their debts incurred during that disastrous administration. According to his figures the state was in debt above its assets when he assumed office, \$1,421,498. If we take his figures—and no one will believe that he has understated the amount—the records show that they left the financial affairs of the state infinitely worse than they found them, notwithstanding that his administration increased the tax rate from 42½ cents to 52½ cents on \$100, and doubled the bonded debt of the state by borrowing \$500,000. The records show that when the Democrats took charge in February, 1900, the state was in debt above its assets \$1,599,057.36, and according to his own figures it shows that they left the state with a debt of \$277,653.36 larger than the debt which he says existed when he came into office. These are the cold, plain facts, from which he cannot escape; which are clear to the simplest mind, and which he tries to dodge by printing three newspaper columns of inaccurate figures to confuse the minds of the voters.

He knows that the Democratic administration has wiped out the entire debt of the state which it found at the conclusion of the Republican administration, and yet he states, in this printed speech, that "the state is now in debt," and further he says "if the present administration has increased the taxes for general purposes, increased the value of property and still increases our debts, it will, if continued in office, land Kentucky in Hell eventually."

Why should the distinguished ex-governor deliberately make a statement that he and every other intelligent citizen in Kentucky knows to be untrue? Doesn't a subject of this importance deserve fair and honest treatment? Have not the people at least a right to expect that a man who had once held the exalted office of governor should tell the truth about these things? Doesn't he give our people credit for more intelligence than to think it possible for him and the other Republican candidates to deceive them, like he and Mr. Willson deceived them in 1895?

State Entirely Out of Debt.

Not only is the state entirely out of debt, but with all of the money that the administration has expended for its public institutions, its schools, colleges and its new capitol and other worthy improvements, we will have in our treasury at the close of this administration the first of next January the splendid surplus of \$1,250,000. I know that a superb showing like that is discomfiting to Governor Bradley and the other Republican candidates. They cannot answer it. They cannot by jugglery of figures escape it. But it certainly does not justify them in deliberate misrepresentations and the peddling of slanders, forgeries and falsehoods to divert, if possible, the minds of the people from the real facts.

He states in his speech that this administration had only appropriated \$1,987,789.21, while we state that a larger amount has been appropriated for worthy purposes. If the gentleman will look on Page 21 of the Democratic campaign hand-book, a copy of which I presume he has, he will find a list of the items showing for what purposes each appropriation was made, amounting to \$2,701,962.97, all of which will have been paid by the close of this administration and yet leave a surplus in the treasury as above stated. This list is taken from the records, and it will be easy for him to verify it if he wants to know the truth about it. He says in his speech, "the Republican administration was not only economical; did not only pay off Democratic indebtedness, but it did many other worthy things."

In Conflict With the Truth.

In the light of the facts which I have stated and which cannot be disputed, I submit to the intelligent voters this marvelous statement of the ex-governor. Of the "many worthy things" accomplished during his administration the only thing that he attempts to show is the establishment of the House of Reform. I shall quote his exact words about that wonderful achievement, for which he claims credit, and then quote Section 252 of the constitution of the state, and let the voters pass an opinion for themselves upon the veracity of the ex-governor. Here is what he said: "For nearly 100 years Kentucky failed to erect any house of reform, but suffered children convicted of crime to be associated in the penitentiary with old and hardened criminals. It remained for a Republican governor to denounce this outrage and urge the building of such an institution—and this was accomplished during his administration." The new constitution of Kentucky was adopted in 1891, and here is Section 252: "It shall be the duty of the general assembly to provide by law, as soon as practicable, for the establishment and maintenance of an institution, or institutions, for the detention, correction, instruction and reformation of all persons under the age of eighteen years, convicted of such felonies and such misdemeanors as may be designated by law. Said institution shall be known as the House of Reform." The Democratic general assembly of 1895, when I was speaker of the house of representatives, passed this law providing for the establishment of the House of Reform. The Republican general assembly of 1896-97 had nothing to do with it. It is evident, therefore, that his statement which I have quoted is not only in conflict with the truth, but with the constitution and laws of the commonwealth.

Willful Misrepresentation.

I shall refer to another deliberate and willful misrepresentation of his in which he states that I had held the Republican administration responsible for the entire \$1,500,000 of bonded indebtedness which we found against the state in February, 1900. I did nothing of the kind, for in my opening speech, and others, I have stated that when the Republican administration borrowed \$500,000 they thereby "doubled the bonded debt of the state," which, of course, to any sensible man means that there was already a bonded debt of \$500,000 when the Republicans doubled it.

Governor Bradley read my opening speech, as his speech shows, and said that I expressed it in that way. He charges that we have been collecting more taxes from the railroads than he did while he was governor. That is true, and we are glad that he has called attention to it. He says that under his administration the franchise valuation placed on the railroads for taxation was an average of \$11,329,249.00, while under the Democratic administration the average has been \$25,921,478. No one has complained that we have made the railroads pay exorbitant taxes, for they have pro-

perated more than ever before under Democratic administration, but we have compelled them to pay upon a fair valuation of their property. From his figures it appears that we have doubled the valuation upon them since his administration. The tax at 50 cents on this difference would be \$12,960, which multiplied by 5 gives \$64,800 more collected in taxes from this one source in the eight years of our administration than would have been collected under the valuation of the Republican administration. That increase alone is enough to pay for one-third of the cost of our new capitol. This is one of the things which goes to explain how the Democrats, with a less tax rate than the Republicans, have been able to do so much for the upbuilding of the state institutions. The records show that in 1899, the last year of Republican administration, there were only seven railroads assessed in the state for taxation, while in 1906, under Democratic administration, there were nineteen railroads assessed for taxation. There has been much development of railroad business in the state under Democratic administration, and some few lines built, but not enough to make up the wide difference between 7 and 19. The Democratic general assembly of 1899 passed the McChord railroad rate bill, a measure of vast interest to our people, but Governor Bradley vetoed that measure and delayed its passage until 1900, when I became governor and signed it. Under that law our people have been saved thousands and tens of thousands of dollars from extortionate charges and discriminations by the railroad companies. It is not surprising, therefore, that the Republican governor who vetoed that measure could find only seven railroad corporations in the state to tax. The Democratic administration has been

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